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For: USE OF TITANIUM DIOXIDE AS ANTI-UV AGENT IN A RUBBER
COMPOSITION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to calculation of filing fee, please enter the following amendment in the
specification and claims:

In the specification:

Page 1, just after the title, please add: - This application is an application under 35
U.S.C. Section 371 of International Application Number PCT/FR99/02023 filed on
August 20, 1999.- -

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1 to 24 and add the following new claims 25 to 49:

25. A rubber composition based on at least one elastomer, comprising titanium
dioxide particles as anti-UV agent having an average size of at most 80 nm and at least
partially coated with a layer of at least one metal oxide, hydroxide or oxohydroxide.

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